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Thanks

... to those parents who made it to interviews last term ... and especially room 8 parents who accommodated some last minute changes.
... to Johnathan D and Ollie P for ringing the bells on the interview nights .. things only got a bit dicey when the principal took over.

People of the week

... Our ten pin bowling teams .. first and second places in their respective competitions. Awesome effort. Well done to you all!
... Greah S who passed her spelling test this week with a 100% accuracy. Well done Greah! When asked whether she got her spelling ability from mum or dad, she diplomatically said probably both.
.. Congratulaions to Olly P who was selected for Hockey Northland Hatch Cup team and Maddison & Tyrone F who were selected for the Development team.

Update on Miss Gentil

In case you didn't know, Miss Gentil has a new baby boy named Luke. Miss Gentil has promised to bring him in to school soon to meet everyone.

Term calendar (We will advise further dates as these come to hand)

4-5 August	World of Maths
6 August	School photos
11 August	ICAS Maths Exam
12 August	School Cross Country event
19 August	Choir Festival
20 August	Zone cross country (Te Horo)
24 August	Regional Science Fair
25 August	Hearing and Vision testing (New Entrants)
26 August	Year 7 and 8 visit to science fair and public library
1 Sept.	Interschool cross country
15 Sept.	Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi
16 Sept.	Talent Quest
25 Sept.	Final day of term 3

Parent Interviews

If you were unable to make parent interviews, please remember that teachers are highly available by appointment ... just give us a call.

Famine Money

In spite of our best efforts, a number of students who participated in last term's 20 Hour Famine have not yet returned their money and fundraising booklets. For understandable reasons, World Vision are very particular about the return of these items. If your child is one of these students, please follow this up, and ensure both money and booklets are returned to school on Monday.



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Important High School Information Dates

27 th July	HERE – WGHS Presentation Parents Welcome at 1.45pm
28 th July	HERE – WBHS Presentation – Parents Welcome 1.45 pm
30 th July	KHS Open Evening from 5.30pm
4 th August	WBHS – Open Evening Tours from 4.30pm Principals Presentation 6pm
6 th August	WGHS Open Evening – 5.30pm – 7.30pm
11 th August	HERE - KHS Interviews and Enrolments from 1pm <i>Bookings to be made through our school office please</i>
Date to be Confirmed	HERE - Excellere College Presentation for parents and students
17 th August	HERE – WGHS Interviews and Enrolments 9am-12.30pm <i>Bookings to be made through our school office please</i>
24 th August	WGHS – Enrolments begin at WGHS If you are unable to make interviews and enrolments here on 17 th August you can make an appointment through WGHS – Start Time 8.45am
25 th August	Huanui College – Open Evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm <i>Also..... Tours by Principal every Tuesday morning at 9.30am</i>
Fri 13 th Nov	WGHS – Orientation Day
Nov	WBHS – Interviews and Enrolments start.

Year 7 and 8 Technology

Year 7 and 8 students commenced technology classes at the Hukerenui Technology Centre this week. For health and safety reasons it is a requirement for all children to wear closed in footwear and clothing appropriate in a workshop situation. Children are also asked to bring morning tea, lunch, a drink bottle, sunhat and a take home rubbish bag.

The Tech Centre is a purpose built facility with trained and experienced tech teachers. The team would always be more than willing to show interested parents around the centre by appointment.

Please ensure that children are at school **no later than 8:45 AM** each Friday morning in order to be checked off for buses. If children miss their bus, they will miss tech on that day.

Any questions to Mrs Abbott please.

Current Virtue .. REMINDER .. we will run this virtue for 2 or 3 more weeks

As you know, our current virtue is KINDNESS. Please re-visit this topic at home ..

... talk about the importance of kindness

... how you practise / have practised kindness in your life

... how the kindness of others has meant something to you in the past

... how your children might practise this moving forward

And PLEASE advise us of shining examples so that we can use these to encourage others. Support material will be attached to this or the next newsletter.

Headlice Inspections

Coming soon ... if able to help with inspections please give Donna Cates a call in our school office. Thank you to those who have helped over earlier terms. These inspections are essential to staying on top of this problem .. and minimising the repeated use of insecticidal shampoos.

Smart Words Programme

Last term a number of children made so much progress in spelling that they required a new spelling book. Although this is great news, there was, unfortunately, a cost to parents of \$10 for the new spelling book. If advised that your child required a new spelling book, and you have not yet done so, please forward payment to the school office. If this presents any financial difficulties please contact Kevin.

Portfolios

If you still have your child's portfolio at home please send this along to school next week. Thank you.

Preparation for Cross Country

Please ensure that children bring footwear and clothes suitable for cross country practice runs.

School Cross-Country

... will take place at the farm opposite the school on Wednesday 12 August. We will send out a schedule for the day prior to the event so that you know approximate race start times. *Thank you to Total Bobcat Solutionz and Sumpter Baughen who are sponsors of this year's cross country.*

Calf Club

Have you thought about your calf, lamb or pet. More to follow soon.

Home Gardens

Please discuss with your children the possibility of having a home garden this year. This programme gets underway some time later this term (timeline to follow), and culminates in judging at year's end. We will send expression of interest forms out very soon and so please let your child know if you want one of these sent home.

Central Northland Science and Technology Fair

Parents of children who will represent/possibly represent our school are advised that the Central Northland Fair will take place 24 to 27 August. Further details will follow. Questions please to Mrs Abbott.

International Schools Competitions

The International Schools English Exam will be held Tuesday 28 July. Most children have worked diligently on practice papers over recent weeks and so you might like to consider a weekend off for these children. Practice papers are still available from the school office for the maths exam which will be held on Tuesday 11 August.

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following "Player of the Day"



Yr 2 - Georgia Perris
Jessica Nyhuis



Yr 3 - Nyree Pol

Reminders

... a small number of parents of year 7 and 8 children have not yet paid tech fees. We pay these to the centre on your behalf and so please have these to us by the end of this week. If not sure please give Helen a call.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on the morning of the 6th August. Photos can be ordered at the Office or online www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz. All orders and payment due by the 3rd August. Hockey and Netball team photos are available.

2016 Calendars

Order forms were sent home earlier this week for 2016 calendars, cards, diaries and notepads. All orders and payments are due back at the office by 7 August 2015. If you have not received your order form yet and would like one, please contact the office.

Finally

The schools ERO review is now available on ERO's website. Alternatively contact Helen in the school office and she can email you a copy or send a hard copy home with your child. This is a very positive review with many areas of commendation. The report also contains encouragement for the school to continue to grow its practice in a number of emerging areas. Most significantly, Matarau School has been placed on a 4-5 year review cycle in acknowledgment of high quality programmes from year 1 through to year 8.

The ultimate accolade from ERO is to be selected for a 4-5 year review cycle (as opposed to a 1 or 3 yearly review cycle). A 4-5 year review is extremely rare, and very few schools in Northland are on the 4-5 year cycle (and only 13% of schools nationwide are on a 4-5 year review cycle).

This report is a testament to the combined efforts of staff, parents and children over many years ... and so well done to you all!

Welcome to the new term. Please become involved in the school this term to whatever extent you are able.

Regards

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support them



Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

School Polo Shirts

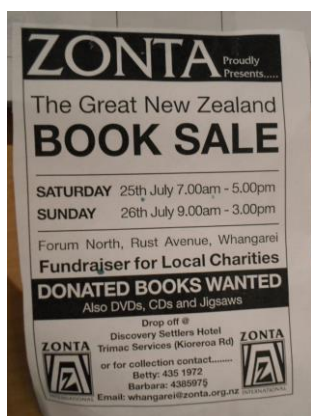
A supply of size 6, 8, 10 and 12 shirts have arrived in a new "quick dry" fabric. These will be on sale from the school office for \$30 each. The original style (poly cotton) are available in sizes 4, 6, 12 or bigger for \$20 each.

Found

A sum of money was found in the school top carpark on Monday morning. Please contact the office if you are missing some money.

Community Notices

For Sale - 2x WBHS jerseys \$20 each - fit Yr 9 or 10 boy. Ph Helen on 02102328094 or 4335823.



School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. See order form attached to this week's newsletter if you want to bulk order for term 3.



The Winning Team

FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ **Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.**
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

WEEKLY ORDER FORM – Term 3 2015

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra \$1.00

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child _____

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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 3 - 9 weeks

Items @ \$4.00 x _____ weeks =

Items @ \$5.00 x _____ weeks =

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.